in the appended claims.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

A method of patterning a thin film comprising the steps

forming at least one strippable conductive film on a surface of a thin film to be patterned;

forming a mask on said at least one strippable conductive film;

patterning said thin film to be patterned by dry etching using said mask; and

removing said at least one strippable conductive film.

- The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one strippable conductive film is a conductive organic film.
- 3. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one strippable conductive film is an insulating organic film and a conductive film formed on said insulating organic film.
- 4. The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said mask is formed by forming a resist film on said conductive film and then by patterning said resist film using an electron beam writing method.
- The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said conductive film is a metallic material film.

- 6. The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said conductive film is a conductive organic film.
- The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said conductive film is a grounded film.
- 8. A method of manufacturing a thin-film device, at least a part of a thin-film pattern being fabricated by using a thin-film patterning method, said thin film patterning method comprising the steps of:

forming at least one strippable conductive film on a surface of a thin film to be patterned;

forming a mask on said at least one strippable conductive film:

patterning said thin film to be patterned by dry etching using said mask; and

removing said at least one strippable conductive film.

9. A method of manufacturing a thin-film magnetic head, at least a part of a thin-film pattern being fabricated by using a thin-film patterning method, said thin film patterning method comprising the steps of:

forming at least one strippable conductive film on a surface of a thin film to be patterned;

forming a mask on said at least one strippable conductive film:

patterning said thin film to be patterned by dry etching using said mask; and

removing said at least one strippable conductive film.

10. A method of patterning a thin film comprising the steps of:

forming at least an insulating organic film and a conductive film on a surface on which a resist pattern is to be formed:

forming a resist film on said conductive film; and patterning said resist film using an electron beam writing method.

- 11. The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said conductive film is a metallic material film.
- 12. The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said conductive film is a conductive organic film.
- 13. The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said conductive film is a grounded film.
- 14. A method of manufacturing a thin-film device, at least

a part of a thin-film pattern being fabricated by using a thin-film patterning method, said thin film patterning method comprising the steps of:

forming at least an insulating organic film and a conductive film on a surface on which a resist pattern is to be formed:

forming a resist film on said conductive film; and patterning said resist film using an electron beam writing method.

15. A method of manufacturing a thin-film magnetic head, at least a part of a thin-film pattern being fabricated by using a thin-film patterning method, said thin film patterning method comprising the steps of:

forming at least an insulating organic film and a conductive film on a surface on which a resist pattern is to be formed:

forming a resist film on said conductive film; and patterning said resist film using an electron beam writing method.

16. A method of patterning a thin film comprising the steps
of:

forming at least an insulating organic film and a conductive film on a surface of a thin film to be patterned;

forming a resist film on said conductive film;

patterning said resist film using an electron beam writing method;

patterning said thin film to be patterned by dry
etching using said patterned resist film as a mask; and
removing said at least insulating organic film and
conductive film.

- 17. The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein said conductive film is a metallic material film.
- 18. The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein said conductive film is a conductive organic film.
- 19. The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein said conductive film is a grounded film.
- 20. A method of manufacturing a thin-film device, at least a part of a thin-film pattern being fabricated by using a thin-film patterning method, said thin film patterning method comprising the steps of:

forming at least an insulating organic film and a conductive film on a surface of a thin film to be patterned; forming a resist film on said conductive film; patterning said resist film using an electron beam

writing method;

patterning said thin film to be patterned by dry
etching using said patterned resist film as a mask; and
removing said at least insulating organic film and
conductive film.

21. A method of manufacturing a thin-film magnetic head, at least a part of a thin-film pattern being fabricated by using a thin-film patterning method, said thin film patterning method comprising the steps of:

forming at least an insulating organic film and a conductive film on a surface of a thin film to be patterned; forming a resist film on said conductive film;

patterning said resist film using an electron beam
writing method;

patterning said thin film to be patterned by dry etching using said patterned resist film as a mask; and

removing said at least insulating organic film and conductive film.